



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 01-09-190P

The Honorable Michael D. Antonovich  
Chairman, Los Angeles County  
Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Street, Suite 869  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Community: Los Angeles County, CA  
Community No.: 065043

Panels Affected: 0340 B and 0345 B

Effective Date of **MAY 01 2001**  
This Revision:

102-D

Dear Mr. Antonovich:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated November 9, 2000, Mr. Rod H. Kubomoto, Assistant Deputy Director, Watershed Management Division, Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects along Villa Canyon Creek of an existing twin 8-foot-wide by 4-foot-high reinforced-concrete box culvert from the downstream face of Interstate Highway 5 (I-5) to approximately 300 feet upstream; construction of a twin 72-inch-diameter reinforced-concrete pipe culvert from approximately 300 feet upstream to approximately 700 feet upstream of I-5; construction of a debris basin from approximately 700 feet upstream to approximately 1,200 feet upstream of I-5; and construction of a storm drain system from approximately 1,200 feet upstream of I-5 to approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of Hillcrest Parkway and Whitney Drive. This request follows up on a Conditional Letter of Map Revision issued on September 30, 1997.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Mr. Kubomoto.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM and in the effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report. We have revised the FIRM to modify the floodplain boundary delineations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along Villa Canyon Creek from I-5 to approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of Hillcrest Parkway and Whitney Drive. As a result of the modifications, the width of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the base flood, for Villa Canyon Creek decreased. The base flood is contained in the above-referenced culverts, storm drain, and debris basin. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panels 0340 B and 0345 B. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panels of the effective FIRM dated December 2, 1980.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panels as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

A review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panels and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

The basis of this LOMR is, in whole or in part, a channel-modification/culvert project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Paragraph 60.3(b)(7), require that communities ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the modified channel and culverts rests with your community.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.

FEMA makes flood insurance available in participating communities; in addition, we encourage communities to develop their own loss reduction and prevention programs. Through the *Project Impact: Building Disaster Resistant Communities* initiative, launched by FEMA in 1997, we seek to focus the energy of businesses, citizens, and communities in the United States on the importance of reducing their susceptibility to the impact of all natural disasters, including floods, hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes, and wildfires. Natural hazard mitigation is most effective when it is planned for and implemented at the local level, by the entities who are most knowledgeable of local conditions and whose economic stability and safety are at stake. For your information, we are enclosing a copy of a pamphlet describing this nationwide initiative. For additional information on *Project Impact*, please visit our website at [www.fema.gov/impact](http://www.fema.gov/impact).

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by calling the Chief, Community Mitigation Programs Branch, Mitigation Division of FEMA in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7184. If you have any questions regarding this LOMR, please call our Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,




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Mitigation Directorate

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Hazards Study Branch  
Mitigation Directorate


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Watershed Management Division  
Department of Public Works  
County of Los Angeles



President  
B&E Engineers

# MAP LEGEND

 Revised 100-Year Floodplain



APPROXIMATE SCALE



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM**  
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
CALIFORNIA  
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

PANEL 340 OF 1275  
REVISED 10/1/80  
(FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

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DATED MAY 01 2001

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ZONE C

REVISED AREA

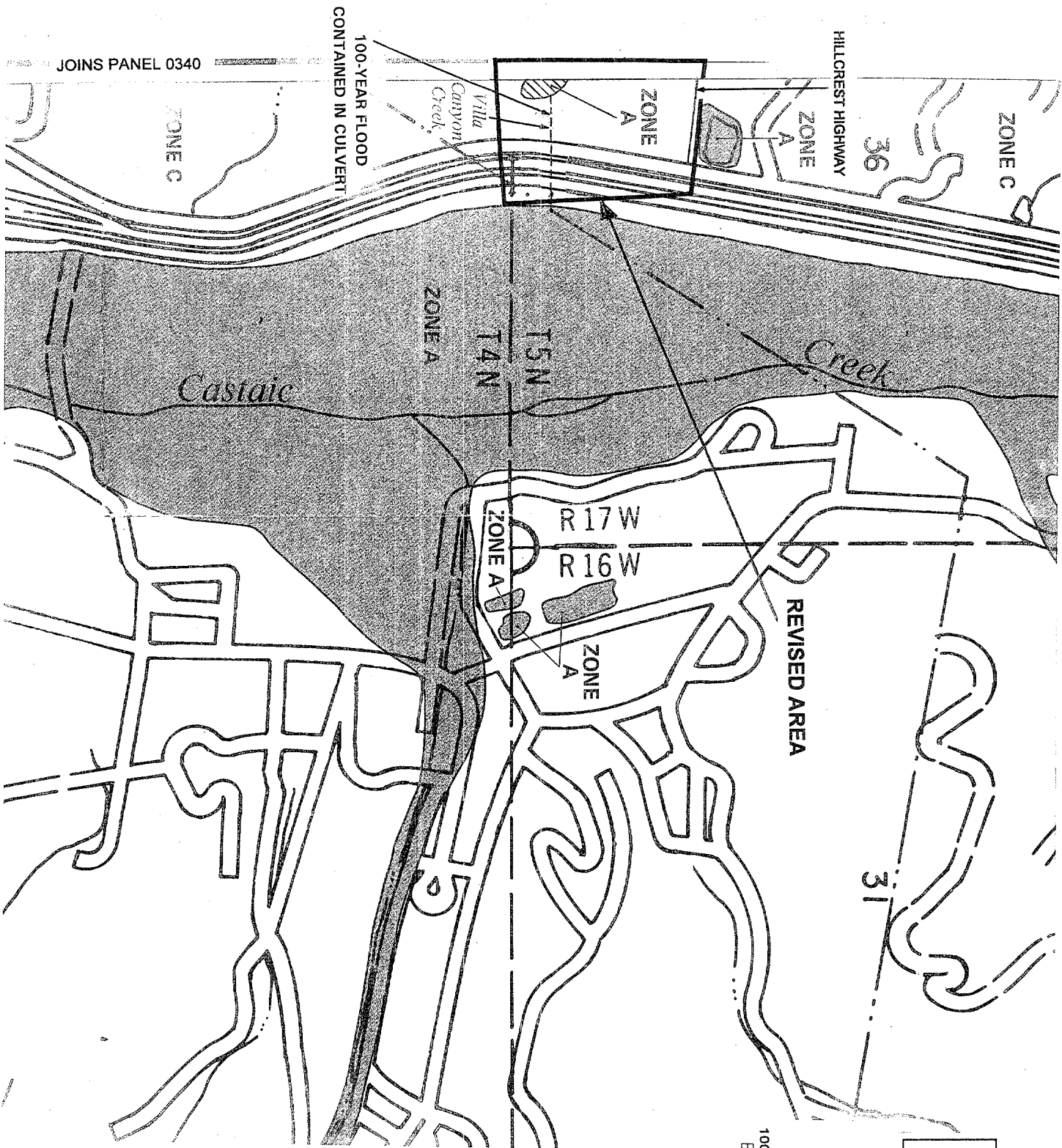
35 Villa Canyon Creek

KEY TO NUMBERED STREETS  
APPLACHIAN PLACE.....2  
BERYL PLACE.....3  
BRYCE DRIVE.....6  
HILLCREST HIGHWAY.....4  
PARK VISTA DRIVE.....5  
RAINER ROAD.....8  
WHITNEY DRIVE.....1  
YOSEMITE DRIVE.....7


100-YEAR FLOOD  
CONTAINED IN CULVERT

ZONE A

JOINS PANEL 0345

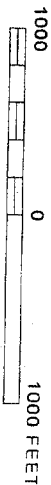


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